

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Richmond, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

January 29, 2013 to February 20, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Philip Morris USA submitted a federal consistency certification (FCC) for proposed development sites at its facility in the City of Richmond. The FCC was submitted as a requirement for obtaining an Individual Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The proposed project includes the construction of a parking lot and site preparations for a proposed hotel and restaurant site, an industrial site, and a facilities-use site. The proposed wetland impacts are approximately 2 acres of nontidal wetlands and 1,500 linear feet of nontidal stream bed. The FCC states that the project will be consistent with the enforceable policies of the VCP.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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